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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

REF: A. STOCKHOLM 1577

B. STOCKHOLM 351

C. STATE 136529

1. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, JUNE 27, STAFFAN SOHLMAN, MFA DIRECTOR FOR MULTILATERAL AID, APOLOGIZED THAT SWEDISH PREPARATIONS WERE STILL IN EARLY STATE AND REVIEWED POSITIONS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED, SOME OF WHICH EMBASSY HAS ALREADY MENTIONED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. SOHLMAN REAFFIRMED SWEDISH SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR BOERMA PROPOSAL REGARDING WORLD FOOD SECURITY (REF A). GOS IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING MATTER OF STOCKPILING AND POLICY TO BE EVOLVED FROM SECURITY PRINCIPLE.

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3. HOWEVER, SOHLMAN SAID, SWEDEN THINKS THERE SHOULD

BE ADDED EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN LDCS. GOS WOULD HOPE THAT CONFERENCE COULD, IN END, STRIKE BALANCE BETWEEN ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (FOOD AID, STOCKPILING, ETC.) AND INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION BY LDCS. HE REGARDED THIS LDC ACTION AS BASIC LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO FOOD PROBLEM.

4. GOS CONTINUES TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH WHAT IT SEES AS NEED FOR "INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT". IT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SOCIAL EFFECTS OF EFFORTS TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION. (REF B) EXPANDED USE OF CAPITAL-INTENSIVE IRRIGATION ALONE, HE SAID, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, OFFERS NO HELP FOR SMALL FARMERS AND WILL PROBABLY HAVE ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT EFFECTS. SWEDEN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIFIC INPUT INTO CONFERENCE ON THIS PROBLEM IN FORM OF STATEMENT OR SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE AND IS CASTING ABOUT FOR WAY OF PROCEEDING.

5. SWEDEN IS CONVINCED OF IMPORTANCE OF MULTILATERAL FOOD AID, SOHLMAN SAID. HE THOUGHT THAT WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) COULD BE MORE USEFUL THAN IT IS NOW. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO BUILD UPON EXISTING MACHINERY OF WFP TO MAKE THAT ORGANIZATION COORDINATING POINT FOR HANDLING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. ACTION IN THIS DIRECTION COULD BE ONE CONCRETE OUTCOME OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

6. SOHLMAN DOUBTED THAT SWEDEN WOULD BE VERY POSITIVE TOWARD AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, WHICH HE DISMISSED AS "JUST ANOTHER FUND".

7. SOHLMAN ASKED TWO QUESTIONS ON WHICH EMBASSY SEEKS DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE:

A. IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO A RUMOR THAT PART OF US CONTRIBUTION TO UN SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND MIGHT BE IN FORM OF WHEAT? HOW WOULD CONTRIBUTION BE CHanneLED? WOULD THERE BE ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE?

B. HAS U.S. DEVELOPED POLICY WITH RESPECT TO FERTILIZERS? DOES IT HAVE ANY PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS YET THAT IT CAN SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT. STRAUSZ-HUPE  
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